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CAPITAL, \$3,000,000.
INSTALMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES, \$26,765.62
\$5,926,765.62

RECEIVED FUND, \$2,500,000.
INSTALMENT OF PREMIUM TO
COVER NEW SHARES, \$69,330.43
\$3,195,330.43

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Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

NOTICES OF FITTINGS.

NOTICE.
M. TATA is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.
TATA & CO.
1st October, 1883.

NOTICE.
FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our business at this port and all communications should be addressed to them.

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GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port and in Formosa under the style of J. C. ELLES & CO. Mr. FRANCIS O'CASEY is authorized to sign the firm.

JAMES C. ELLES.

Amoy, 1st May, 1883.

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GROSSMANN & CO.

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Intimations.

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TO HAND PER "GLENNOGUE."

PEARS' ASSORTED BEST TOILET SOAPS.

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CARBOLIC DISINFECTING POWER

IN DREDGERS.

WINTER HOSIERY.

TAILORING GOODS IN THIS SEASON'S PATTERNS.

THE NEW CLIMAX UMBRELLAS, guaranteed to wear

THE NEW TODAY KETTLES WITH LAMPS.

THE NEW C. J. COFFEE MACHINES.

THE DUPLEX TABLE LAMPS, latest designs.

ARTISTIC FENDERs and FIRE IRONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, September 17, 1883.

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THE HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned, on SATURDAY, the 10th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance 1 of 1877.

WILLIAM LEGGE,
Acting Secretary.

Dated the 4th day of October, 1883.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of \$10 Sterling per

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ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on

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Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to

NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay at

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equivalent in the Currency of the above-

mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being

issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts,

which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES,

when paying this Call, will please send same to

the Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is

fixed at 7½d. or \$54.70 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 per cent. per annum

will be charged on Calls unpaid on the

30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors;

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested

to send to this Office a List of their

Contributions of Premium for the year

ending 31st December, in Order that the

PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year

to be paid as BONUS to Contributors

may be arranged. Returns not sent in

before the 30th November next, will be

made up by the Company, and no sub-

sequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,

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ARE NOW LANDING
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COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb.
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

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Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Clam CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

Dried APPLES.

SUCCOTASH.

BRAUN.

Maple SYRUP.

Golden SYRUP.

LOBSTERS.

OYSTERS.

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400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb.

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150° test.Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
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including:

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

CAVIA.

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ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

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SAUCONY'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

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SAUCONY'S OLD INVALID PORT

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BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT BOURGEOIS & CO'S WHISKY.

FIRST OLD MOBONWHY WHISKY.

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MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA BOKHAR'S and O BANG'S

BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BEEKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

C. I. G. A. R. S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

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BREAKFAST CONGOU, 25 cents p. lb.

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SAFES, CASH and PAPER

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Hongkong, July 10, 1888.

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MARITIMES.

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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,

PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,

NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS

OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

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interests might occur, and the Supreme authority, which by treaty we hold in China, and our own nationals, would be seriously impaired.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL".]

(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co. Line.)

FRANCE APOLOGISES TO KING ALFONSO.

London, 6th October, 1888.

The French Minister of War has resigned, being accused of complicity in the insult offered King Alfonso. The Official Journal publishes M. Grévy's apology to the King of Spain, and the excitement in Madrid is moderating.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next English Mail, per the P. & O. steamer *Bohemia*, may be expected to arrive at Hongkong about Wednesday, the 10th instant.

The S. S. *Flintshire* left Singapore on the 7th instant; due here or about the 14th instant.

TELEGRAPHIC communication by the Hongkong-Shanghai cable is restored.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the ninth issue of the "Service List" of the Imperial Maritime Customs of China.

The departure of the S. S. *City of Peking* is postponed until Saturday, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

This Agents (Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the S. S. *Flintshire*, from London, left Singapore yesterday, Oct. 7th, for Hongkong.

The S. S. *Arabe*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 15th Sept., has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port to-morrow.

This annual General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Race Fund will be held on Friday the 12th inst. at 4.30 p.m., at the Hongkong Club.

We are glad to hear that sporting prospects have, on the whole, opened decidedly well, as regards "bags." Within the last three days, five different shots got respectively ten, eleven, six, ten and twelve brace of snipe, while one of them added a woodcock to his total.

A CORRESPONDENT gives us a kind invitation to walk down Pedder's Street any morning at 3 o'clock, where, he assures us, it is not uncommon to see night-sail coolies washing their buckets. The subject is so unanswerable that we do not care about investigating it. Besides, we are not nuisance inspectors. He further assures us that the chatter of coolies and the clatter of buckets is enough to disturb any one's slumbers.

The *Nanshan*, which leaves here for Haiphong on Wednesday, is to tow another auxiliary to the French Commissariat in Tonquin in the shape of a large and handsome lighter, which has been built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company at its works at Hung Hom. The lighter is to be fitted with an awning, and to be used in conveying troops and stores up and down the river between Haiphong and Hanoi.

If Mr Colquhoun paid Indian rates for the message of 10,000 words, which he sent to the *Times* from Colombo the other day, the cost would be, roughly estimated, about £1,500. The *Times* has, however, the exclusive use of a wire from India to London during a certain period each week, and no doubt this arrangement was taken advantage of to reduce materially the cost of this monster message, which would fill over a page of the *Times*. The *Ceylon Observer* says that the whole of the message was despatched by Mr Schofield, who commenced it at 8 p.m. on the 14th, and worked at it at a stretch till 4 a.m. on the 15th, signalling at the rate of 25 words per minute. It had to be broken up into 12 messages to avoid blocking the line, and the last message was sent at nearly 11.30 p.m. on the 15th.

Within two Japanese gentlemen were playing billiards in the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday evening; one of them was the unfortunate victim of a theft of his gold watch and chain. He appears to have taken off his coat, with the watch and chain in one of his pockets, and laid it down on a seat close by, one of the windows opening on Pedder's Street, and it is probable that the articles were taken from the pocket of the coat by some one from the outside. Information was at once given to the Police, but as the owner of the watch was not able to give its number, or any distinguishing mark by which it can be identified, it is very improbable that the property will be recovered, or the thief traced.

We hear that the victim and his friends were passengers on one of the steamers going to Japan, and have now left the Colony.

REGISTRATION OF VISITORS to the City Hall Museum for the week ending 7th Oct.

Day	Visitors	Chinese
Monday	23	370
Tuesday	37	208
Wednesday	41	398
Thursday	52	406
Friday	18	314
Saturday	20	353
Sunday	21	1,015
Total	202	1,917
Grand Total	7,117	

A NAVAL Court-Martial was held on board H.M.S. *Sapphire* at Layaroff Bay, on the 24th August last, to try three seamen belonging to H.M.S.S. *Audacious* and *Curacao*.

Alfred Brooks, ordinary seaman, of H.M.S. *Curacao*, was tried and convicted of striking a non-commissioned officer on shore, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for two years with hard labour. James Fair, ordinary seaman of the *Audacious*, was convicted of leaving his vessel and going on board H.M.S. *Vigilant* on false pretences, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour. William Lambert, ordinary seaman of H.M.S. *Audacious*, was convicted on two charges of willful disobedience of lawful commands of his superior officer, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoners were brought down from the north by H.M.S. *Cleopatra* and were marched up to Victoria Gaol on Saturday afternoon.

YESTERDAY afternoon as the French mail steamer *Anadyr* was proceeding out of harbour on route for Shanghai, she ran into a small "sampan," which was recklessly attempting to cross the steamer's bows, at a spot just a little to the East of Kowloon Docks. The occupants of the "sampan," three in number, were thrown into the water, and the "sampan" itself was almost completely smashed up. Life-belts were thrown to the sampan people from the *Anadyr*, and a boat lowered immediately. The people were afterwards picked up, and transferred to one of the ferry launches which run between Victoria and Hung Hom and Yau-ma-ti, and conveyed to Hongkong. The launch also towed the remnants of the "sampan" to Hung Hom. After half an hour's delay, the *Anadyr* proceeded on her voyage. This is only one more instance of many in which Chinese boat people have narrowly escaped losing their lives through their temerity in trying to cross the bows of steamers in action.

A GRAND procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary took place at Macao yesterday. The ceremony was of unusual grandeur and magnificence owing to the fact that the day was the tercentenary of the institution of the feast.

The Japanese *Hochi Shimbun* states that Mr Suzuki, who was said to have stolen 700,000 francs' Government money, whilst he was Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Paris, whence he absconded, seems to have been in Belgium lately, where he confessed his crime to the authorities. The German press is so renowned for its startling news, that we anticipate seeing this corrected before long.

The members of the Loftus Troupe, who have been delighting us in Shanghai for the last six weeks, leave by the *Geikie Maru* this morning, (Oct. 3rd) for Yokohama, where they are under engagement to give some performances. They will then proceed to Hongkong, where they are due on the 3rd proximo. We wish them all success, and look forward with pleasurable interest to the time when we shall meet them again.

N. C. D. NEES.

Mr. TOWN, of Miwaaki-mura, Muro-gori, Kishin, is a Japanese paper, ninety-nine years old, and is still half and hearty.

She has never been ill during her long life and never took medicine, but always paid attention to her diet. Mrs. Town

intends celebrating her hundredth birthday, which will soon occur, by inviting all the persons in her neighborhood who are eighty years old and upwards to a banquet.

We cordially wish the good old dame many happy returns of the day, when it arrives.

Mr. TERRY, who a short time ago crossed the Channel from Dover to Calais, on an apparatus which he can either convert into a tricycle and travel by land, or into a boat for sea voyages, arrived at Dover from Paris.

He rode his machine from Paris to Calais,

but crossed the Straits by ordinary packet.

In an account he has given of his voyage across the channel, Mr. Terry says:—

"I shipped very little water in crossing, except when I encountered the ripple at the edge of the Ridge Sand in mid-Channel, where I had a rough time of it, and all my work cut out to get through safely. This ripple is very peculiar. When the sea is calm elsewhere, the water here is very troubled.

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THE CHINA REVIEW.
PUBLISHED BIMONTHLY.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1882.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

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3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail-Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

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2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of durable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

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Comics, Papers, There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

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Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; via Gold, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Formosa, Japan, Korea, and the Philip-

pine Islands.

Letters, 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Post Books, Post-Patterns, 20 cents per 2 oz.

Post-Cards, 5 cents each.

Post-Patterns, 10 cents each.

Post-Cards, 5